

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A mouse protein mAMSH having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 3.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~A~~ An isolated mouse gene encoding the mouse protein mAMSH ~~of claim 7~~ having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 3.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A cDNA of the mouse gene of claim ~~7~~ 8, which is mAMSH cDNA having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No. 4.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): A recombinant vector containing the mAMSH cDNA of claim 9.

Claims 12-13 (cancelled)